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Please replace Claims 17 as filed with amended Claim 17, which is set forth below. (Appendix B, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claim 17 was amended to produce amended Claim 17. In Appendix B, the portions being added are underlined; and the portions being deleted are enclosed in brackets.)

17. (Amended) A service system for determining when an item of equipment is located at a location where particular functionality of the equipment is authorized for use in accessing target data provided on a removable data carrier or in a received data file, the service system comprising:

- a communications sub-system for communicating with said equipment both to receive therefrom identity information concerning said target data, and to return to the equipment enablement signals for enabling said particular functionality for accessing the target data;
- a location-obtaining arrangement for obtaining current-location data representing the current location of the equipment;
- a store for storing in association with identity data, authorized-location data representing a predetermined authorized location or locality for operation of said particular functionality of the equipment;
- a data retrieval arrangement for using identity information received from the equipment via the communication sub-system to access the authorized-location data held in said store in respect of identity data matches the identity information; and
- a comparison arrangement for comparing the current-location data with the accessed authorized-location data whereby to generate a location-match signal upon this comparison indicating that the equipment is currently located in said authorized location or locality.

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~~Please cancel Claims 1-16 and 18-19, without prejudice.~~

Please add the following new Claims.

20. (New) A control method for an item of equipment that is provided with particular functionality for using target data on a removable data carrier or in a received data file, the method involving testing a location condition by:

- (a) sending identity information identifying said target data from the equipment to a remote service system;
- (b) using the identity information at the service system to retrieve authorized-location data that is associated with the target data and represents a predetermined authorized location or locality for operation of said particular functionality of the equipment in relation to the associated target data;
- (c) obtaining at the service system current-location data representing the current location of the equipment as determined by means other than the equipment itself; and
- (d) comparing the current-location data with the authorized-location data and generating a location-match signal upon this comparison indicating that the equipment is currently located in said authorized location or locality.

21. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein in step (c) the current location data is obtained by the service system from a location determining system separate from the equipment.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the equipment communicates with the service system by a communications infrastructure comprising a cellular radio network, the location determining system using signals associated with the cellular radio network to determine the location of the equipment, and the remote service system obtaining said current-location data from the location determining system either directly or via the equipment.

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23. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the identity information is provided to the equipment along with the target data and is accessed by the equipment for sending to the service system in step (a).

24. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the service system returns an enabling code to the equipment upon said first location condition and any other conditions set to be tested at the service system being satisfied, the enabling code being used at the equipment to enable said functionality.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the equipment periodically checks that the identity information associated with the target data currently being used by said functionality corresponds to the identity information for which the enabling code was provided.

26. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the enabling code is specific to a particular functionality of the equipment

27. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the target data is encrypted and the service system returns a corresponding decryption key to the equipment upon said first location condition, and any other conditions set to be tested at the service system, being satisfied.

28. (New) A service system according to claim 17, further comprising an authorization arrangement responsive to the generation of a location-match signal and successful testing for any further conditions set to be tested at the system, to return to the equipment enablement signals in the form of a code for enabling said functionality of the equipment.

29. (New) A service system according to claim 17, further comprising an authorization arrangement responsive to the generation of a location-match signal and successful testing for any further conditions set to be tested at the system, is operative to return to the

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equipment enablement signals in the form of a decryption key for decrypting said target data.

30. (New) A service system according to claim 17, wherein the location-obtaining arrangement is operative to obtain said current-location data from a location server of a cellular radio network used by the equipment.